

REMARKS

I. Introduction.

Claims 1-3 remain pending in the above-identified application, with claims 1-3 having been amended hereby and claim 4 having been herein canceled in response to the Office Action of June 23, 2005. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

II. Submission of Corrected Drawing – Figure 3.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve a correction to the drawing in Figure 3. The incorrect drawing in Figure 3 shows a slackened wire wrapping around the base end of the terminal supports. The correction to the drawing shows no slack in the wire. Such is already shown correctly (i.e., no slack in the wire) in Figures 1, 2 and 4. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner approve the requested correction to the drawing.

III. The Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As the objected limitations of claims 2-4 have been canceled, this rejection is moot. Applicant has corrected the particulars of the rejection in the amended claim 1. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

IV. The Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 as being anticipated by prior art figures 6-8. However, the Examiner has also indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

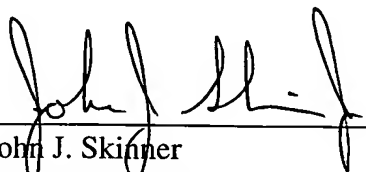
Applicant has rewritten claim 1 to include the allowable limitations of claim 4 and its intervening claims, and canceled the rejected limitations of claims 2-4. Accordingly, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and this rejection should be withdrawn.

V. Conclusion.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that pending Claims 1-3 are allowable. All issues raised by the examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

No fees are believed to be due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 051319-0077.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

Fig. 2

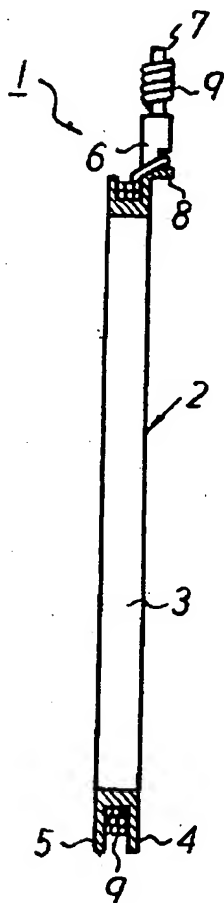
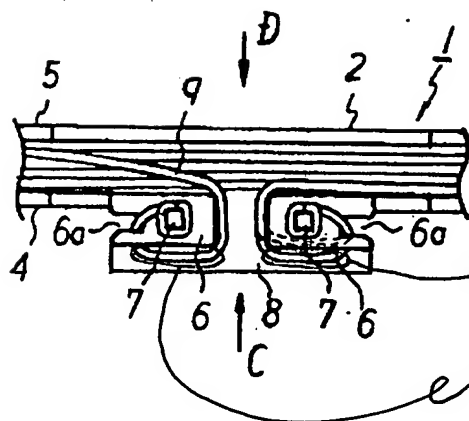


Fig. 3



wire has been moved into concave portion, as shown here by dotted lines.